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DIARY NOTES

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1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

a. Bud Wheelon reported on a telecommunications satellite which has been launched and which appears to have good possibilities for communications. I telephoned ██████████ to make sure that he was aware of this possibility. He has been fully briefed by Bud and will follow it closely.

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b. Ed Giller announced that Pete Scoville had assumed a position with the U. S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

2. Emmett Echols telephoned for advice as to who should present the ten- and fifteen-year service certificates on 18 September since General Carter will be away. I asked him to call Mr. Kirkpatrick, who should either make the presentation or arrange for Mr. McCone to do so.

3. The Director met with General Carter, the Deputy Directors, and the Comptroller today to discuss our personnel ceiling for Fiscal Years 1964 and 1965. He finally decided to support the figure of ██████████ for Fiscal Year 1964 and ██████████ for Fiscal Year 1965. The decision came about in the following illogical way.

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a. Mr. McCone led off by saying that he could stay only a few minutes and that General Carter would have to carry on with the meeting. General Carter immediately said that the real problem was that he and the others in the room were not in agreement with the Director as to what personnel ceiling we could live with and that the Director, in fact, had to make some decisions and give us some policy guidance. General Carter went on to say that we had conducted numerous surveys and were all of the opinion that we could not live with a FY 64 year-end figure of ██████████ as requested by the Bureau of the Budget unless it was decided to eliminate some functions. The Director said that looking at the figures he saw two new things, i.e., the communications problem and NPIC, which we would have to accept and support. However, General Carter suggested that, if the intelligence

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community were to be restricted, NSA, DIA, the attache system, or someone else other than CIA be cut. The Director didn't consider General Carter's argument to be at all realistic and reiterated a position which I have heard him assert before to the effect that you can operate the Agency on any level and that what should be done was for General Carter to undertake a detailed examination of functions which would have to be eliminated in order to live within the [REDACTED] figure. The Director cited three areas as examples--(1) SIGINT, (2) paramilitary, and (3) overhead reconnaissance.

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b. At this point John Bross injected himself and said that he did not believe the [REDACTED] figure to be hard and fast and that he thought we were within our rights to inform the Bureau of the Budget that we could not live with this and tell them what we planned for FY 64 and FY 65, i.e., [REDACTED]. John further argued that there was simply no way for us to live within a [REDACTED] limitation without eliminating some function, and he assumed in the light of the Director's earlier remarks that we should prepare a position to present to the Bureau of the Budget outlining the major functions which we propose to eliminate unless we are allowed to expand as planned.

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c. At this point the Director seemed to change his tactics and said that he thought the way to go about this was merely to advise the Bureau of the Budget that we would plan to expand and that if they re-clamored we could then explain as John Bross had indicated.

d. General Carter then asked the Director specifically whether he would support an expansion to [REDACTED] between now and the end of FY 65. The Director responded affirmatively and the meeting ended.

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